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CONFERENCE

Exceptional Program

"One of the best and most inspiring annual meetings of the Conference in its history." Such a remark was frequently heard from the lips of pastors and delegates who were in attendance at the Seventy-eighth Annual Meeting of the Conference held in San Francisco October 16th to 18th. The paid registration was not as large as the conferences held two and three years ago, but the total attendance was equal to any. About 450 people were present at the banquet which closed the Conference. It was a truly great occasion. Mr. B. M. Benson, prominent layman and hard worker from our Fresno First Church furnished wit with his stories, and challenge and uplift with his social vision. Rev. Raymond C. Brooks, known and beloved for a quarter of a century and more in this area, was at his best in the closing message on the theme, "Foundations for World Civilization."

From the East came Hubert Herring, new director of the Council for Social Action, who told of that Council and the reasons for its organization. There was deep passion in his message as he emphasized the three words that stand out in his mind, "hunger," "fear," "anger"—the hunger of multitudes of unemployed and their families; the fear of these multitudes and of others unable to provide for themselves in old age or illness; the anger of still other multitudes pinned down and crushed by this age of the machine. The Council for Social Action is to be first of all an agency for research and then for education, and possibly here and there it will represent us all in trying to help some specific problem.

The annual sermon was delivered by Rev. Joseph H. Bennett, on the theme, "Risking the Consequences." The choir of First Church rendered splendid music the first night, and the choir of Calvary Armenian Church did the same on the second night.

In calling the roll of the churches on the first afternoon, Superintendent Harley H. Gill gave a brief summary of the work, the problems, and the triumphs of each of our 103 churches, and did it within the compass of 43 minutes.

One of the most thrilling occasions of the Conference was the visit of the children from the Hip Wo School. Three hundred Chinese youngsters filled the great platform from end to end, eleven rows deep, singing their songs in both English and Chinese. As they came and went the audience burst into applause again and again.

Reports from all committees, departments and officers were presented in the form of a 28-page mimeographed book, copies of which have been furnished to all pastors and to the delegates who were present.

A number of amendments were adopted to the By-Laws of the three corporations to more clearly define and fix responsibilities. Two major items of business were taken care of: first, the vote to participate in the new California Church Council, which is to be launched in November; and, secondly, the creation of a Committee of Ten on Ministerial Standing. Hereafter, the Conference requests associations and churches to require candidates for ordination or for transfer of ministerial standing from other denominations to appear before this Committee of Ten for examination before being examined by council or association.

The session calling out the greatest interest was that for ministers and laymen on Wednesday afternoon, when the question was discussed: "How shall the local church and the minister face specific problems in local communities, such as strikes, interference with free speech, and militaristic demonstrations?"

The church parlor was crowded with men to hear Robert Whitaker, O. W. S. McCall, Hubert Herring and Lawrence Wilson discuss the way in which the religion of Jesus ought and can be applied to specific situations.

An enthusiastic vote of appreciation was extended to the Moderator, Mrs. Gail Cleland, for her part in planning the program, and her gracious presiding over the sessions.

WE HEREBY HIGHLY RESOLVE

Resolutions Passed by the Annual Meeting of the Northern California Congregational Conference

Desiring to affirm the principle that this Conference does not directly or indirectly support or oppose any candidate for political office:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That we deplore the injection of religious issues into partisan contest, and we hereby disclaim, as the representatives of the Congregational churches of this area, any responsibility for the utterances on religion of any party in the forthcoming election. And further, we counsel the ministers and officers of our churches not to become involved, as church representatives, in the distribution of partisan propaganda.

The social implication of the Gospel being the theme of the Conference:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the church is not living up to either its responsibilities or its opportunities unless, as individuals and as an institution, it attempts to make practical and operative in the life of today the teachings of its Lord and Master.

Having profited by a most helpful meeting in warm Christian fellowship and under strong leadership and desiring to express our appreciation:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That we tender our most hearty thanks to our host church, the First Congregational Church of San Francisco, who through their cordial pastor, Dr. Jason Noble Pierce, and the fine cooperation of staff and members have contributed so largely to the success of this meeting; and to our speakers and particularly the choirs which have contributed their services; and we express our thanks to the press of San Francisco for the space they have given to reports of this Conference.

Further, we would especially offer our sincere thanks to the Superintendent, Dr. Harley H. Gill, for his faithful and efficient work during the past year in the care of the churches, and the skill and diligence with which he and his staff have planned and carried through this meeting.

White, Black, or Yellow?

Surveys of large U. S. cities show that the greatest amount of crime and juvenile delinquency is found, almost invariably, in residence districts bordering on business sections. In Seattle they found one such center showing white on the chart where by all the rules it ought to be black. They investigated. It was the Japanese section of the city! As one Seattle citizen said gleefully, "Seattle was white where it should have been black because it was yellow." Miss Alice E. Gwinn, formerly of Kyoto, Japan, is working in this section under the Japanese church. For some time, she reports, the Japanese church and the Seattle Extension Society have supported a part-time young man worker among the young people of that section.

Stewardship Syllabus

Your Christian Stewardship Commission announces that its eight-page syllabus on "The Christian Acquisition and Use of Money" is off the press and ready for use.

This syllabus was studied by the Seminar on that subject at the Oberlin General Council. The Council voted its publication and urged its general use. It is a study of the principles and teachings of Jesus as they relate to the acquisition and use of money, and their application to daily life. It is planned for use by groups, classes, young people's and women's organizations, men's brotherhoods, ministers' meetings, mid-week forums, and other discussion groups, as well as in Association and Conference programs.

Ten cents the copy. Sixty cents a dozen. Four dollars per hundred. Order from the Commission on Christian Stewardship of the Congregational and Christian Churches, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York, or 507 C. P. A. Building, Dayton, Ohio.

Your Commission desires to render every possible service in stewardship information, books, literature, church finance, etc. Write them freely your needs.

REDWOOD ASSOCIATION

The fall meeting of the Redwood Empire Association was held at Cloverdale on October 23rd. A splendid program had been arranged by the committee, under the leadership of Rev. F. E. Boren, the moderator. Rev. George E. Atkinson gave a report of the General Council. Rev. R. C. Waddell told of the organization, plans, and purposes of the Council for Social Action. Mrs. Frank J. Greene conducted the program following the luncheon and gave an address. Rev. R. C. Day, a newcomer in the Association, preached the sermon and led in the communion service. Rev. Westwood Wallace, another newcomer, led the devotional exercises.

NEW OFFICERS

Following is a list of the officers who were elected at the annual meeting of the State Conference, and who will serve us during the coming year:

Moderator—Rev. O. W. S. McCall.

Assistant Moderator — Rev. C. H. Hudson.

Preacher—Rev. N. B. Henderson.

Alternate Preacher—Rev. Clarence Reidenbach.

Board of Directors:

(Class of 1935) — Rev. Clarence Reidenbach.

(Class of 1937)—Rev. E. T. Sherman, Mrs. C. T. Tinker, Arthur W. Moore, Mrs. H. M. Smitten (since resigned), Rev. C. C. Champlin, Rev. N. W. Pendleton, and Rev. George E. Atkinson.

Holdover members of the Board are:

(Class of 1935)—E. W. Ehmann, Rev. Benjamin Gould, Dr. O. L. Elliott, Rev. O. W. S. McCall, Rev. N. B. Henderson, and Mrs. H. F. Swartz.

(Class of 1936) Rev. Lawrence Wilson, George S. Martin, Rev. Noel J. Breed, Mrs. Gail Cleland, Mrs. Frank J. Greene, Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, and Miss Helen M. Perkins.

Representative to the Anti-Saloon League—Rev. Gail Cleland.

Representative to Council of Religious Education of Northern California—Rev. R. C. Waddell.

Representative to State Christian Endeavor—Rev. J. H. Bennett.

Fraternal delegate to Southern California Conference—Rev. Harley H. Gill.

Committee on Religious Work at University of California—Rev. O. W. S. McCall, Rev. T. T. Giffen, Mrs. E. B. Mead, Rev. H. F. Swartz, Rev. Harley H. Gill, Robert E. Stone, Rev. E. W. Benedict, and John H. Gregg.

Visitors to Pacific School of Religion—Rev. R. N. England, Rev. E. G. Brinkmeyer, and Rev. Glenn Corbin.

Committee on Manual of Devotions —Rev. R. C. Waddell, Rev. John W. Buckham, and Mrs. Frank Irwin (since resigned).

California Church Council—Rev. H. F. Swartz, Rev. J. N. Pierce, Rev. R. C. Waddell, Rev. W. B. Thorp, and Mrs. C. A. Kofoid.

Committee on Ministerial Standing—Rev. Burton M. Palmer, Rev. T. T. Giffen, Rev. M. G. Papazian, Rev. Lawrence Wilson, Rev. Noel J. Breed, Rev. H. S. Davidson, Rev. Henry Stauffer, Rev. Herman F. Swartz, Rev. George T. Tolson, and Rev. Benjamin Gould.

VISITATIONS CONTINUED

Following the meeting of the State Conference, church visitations were resumed. Superintendent Harley H. Gill met with the officers of the Eureka and Ferndale churches on Sunday afternoon, October 28th. Other visitations being held by various members of the teams are at Oakland Bethany, Oroville, Paradise, Oakland Plymouth, Berkeley First, Ripon, Salida, Santa Rosa, Hayward, Fresno Pilgrim, Porterville, Tulare and Pacific Grove.

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ARE CHURCH TREASURERS HONEST?

"Yes, indeed, but in some cases perhaps thoughtless. Because so many local church treasurers delay in sending in Benevolence money the Boards of the church are compelled to pay out in interest large sums that might otherwise go into missionary work.

"For example, consider the case of the National Board this year. In accord with the greatly reduced budget of $2,400,000, referred to elsewhere in this issue, the Board had to spend during the first five months of this year $1,020,609. But there was received within that time only $528,808. Thus the Board had to borrow $491,801, in order to carry its appropriations which must be paid on a monthly basis. On this large amount of money interest must be paid and the principal paid back by April 1, 1934. Unless the church contributions are remitted promptly during the next months further borrowings will have to be made with increased amounts for interest.

"Why should money placed in the hands of a treasurer for transmission to the Boards of the church be kept in the bank by him and the Boards be compelled to borrow and pay interest? And what is still worse—what right has any treasurer to use for local expenses money designated for missionary purposes? If he were a bank official and made such misuse of funds what would be thought of it? Should a church treasurer be less careful or ethical than a bank official?

"It is a hard and thankless responsibility these treasurers carry, and they have our sympathy. The condition referred to is due more to a failure to understand all that is involved than it is to a lack of ethical standards. The effect is the same however. A sin of OMISSION may be as deadly as one of COMMISSION."—From "The Watchman" (Presbyterian paper).

A Correction

The Pacific is glad to make a correction to the effect that it was a sharp attack of pleurisy rather than an auto accident which sent Rev. Benjamin St. John to the hospital, and which resulted in his resignation at Woodside about two months ago. He has been made pastor emeritus by the church, but will reside in Palo Alto.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 17-18—Annual Meeting of the Federation of Congregational Women, at Plymouth Church, Oakland.

January 20th-24th—Mid-Winter Meetings, Evanston, Illinois.

February 11th-14th—Pastoral Conference, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley.

STILL BETTER

For the second consecutive month there has been an increase in receipts over the corresponding month a year ago. During the month of September there was a recovery to the extent of $700.00 and during October of a little more than $500.00. This means that at the end of October, according to the totals at the bottom of the columns, we are about $780.00 behind 1933 at this time of the year. Only two months remain in which to catch up. Cheering news comes from the Middle West. The first nine months of the year for the great area between Ohio and Colorado show a slight gain over a year ago. What a glorious thing it would be to close the year without a deficit. To do this will require that every church, pastor and treasurer shall be on the job until January 10th.

	Oct. 1 to Oct. 31, 1934	Jan. 11 to Oct. 31, 1934	Jan. 11 to Oct. 31 1933
Adin	$ ——	$ 98.19	$ 92.79
Alameda	9.29	199.70	224.94
Alturas	——	13.00	8.50
Angels Camp	——	45.00	60.00
Antioch	8.60	30.36	19.77
Auburn	9.79	29.79	18.50
Benicia	——	27.00	7.00
Berkeley:			
First	644.50	5,805.00	5,806.00
North	——	407.00	696.33
Park	——	57.20	35.35
Campbell	30.00	190.00	210.00
Ceres	18.75	52.31	39.54
Cloverdale	4.88	49.28	73.16
Cotati	8.84	49.84	64.00
Crockett	32.28	98.92	65.11
Eureka	32.00	183.00	70.80
Fairfax	10.00	80.00	70.00
Ferndale	50.54	187.80	250.55
Fowler	——	10.00	10.00
Fresno:			
First	80.47	552.43	159.10
Pilgrim	——	9.25	——
Zion	25.00	25.00	——
Glen Ellen	——	1.00	5.00
Kenwood	4.50	21.65	27.28
Likely	——	1.32	——
Lodi:			
First	80.00	460.00	592.00
Martinez	——	32.50	22.10
Murphy	——	40.00	40.00
Oakland:			
Calvary	——	10.00	——
First	1,050.00	4,075.75	4,256.95
Fruitvale	——	11.00	5.00
Japanese	——	——	5.00
Pilgrim	——	5.00	——
Plymouth	75.00	535.75	578.50
Oroville	25.00	175.00	——
Pacific Grove	47.15	307.45	270.05
Palo Alto	76.00	486.00	775.00
Paradise	——	70.00	68.00
Pescadero	——	——	10.00
Petaluma	18.50	589.07	615.88
Pittsburg	——	32.50	34.88
Porterville	——	29.50	15.00
Redwood City	——	275.00	335.00
Reedley, Finnish	——	14.00	——
Rio Vista	——	——	5.00
Ripon	5.00	57.50	50.00
Sacramento	——	477.50	606.45
Salida	——	20.00	32.00
San Carlos	10.00	35.00	5.00
San Francisco:			
Bethany Mission Pk.	6.00	247.63	140.50
Calvary Arme'n	——	——	10.00
First	117.55	715.38	1,102.05
Ocean View	——	22.00	10.00
Richmond	——	9.50	33.00
San Jose	130.00	640.00	553.95
San Leandro:			
Broadmoor	15.28	155.43	26.20
San Rafael	——	31.50	——
Santa Cruz	180.00	570.00	611.00
Santa Rosa	38.00	149.56	135.64
Saratoga	——	225.00	350.00
Sebastopol	22.34	171.22	125.91
Sonoma	——	37.15	65.00
Soquel	5.00	43.00	14.00
Stockton	67.23	536.83	736.71
Suisun	——	47.00	30.00
Sunol	——	30.00	——
Sunnyvale	6.50	6.50	17.70
Tulare	——	185.00	220.00
Weaverville	35.00	83.77	43.75
Woodside	——	36.50	73.00
Reno Nevada	31.42	237.36	257.86
Miscellaneous	5.00	313.85	345.47
	$3,015.41	$20,456.74	$21,237.27

Rev. Beryl Bishop Collett, a member of the Bay Association, was in attendance at the annual Conference in San Francisco, en route to Los Angeles, returning from her summer parish on the Salmon River.

BOARD ELECTS

At the first meeting of the new Board of Directors, which was held after the general election at the State Conference, the Board elected the following officers:

President—George S. Martin.
Vice-President—Mrs. Gail Cleland.
Secretary—Harley H. Gill.
Treasurer—W. Wallace Furze.
Assistant Treasurer—C. S. Morse.
Auditor—C. B. Wingate.

Members of the Executive Committee, to serve with the president and vice-president, are; Rev. Benjamin Gould, Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, Mrs. H. F. Swartz, Rev. Lawrence Wilson, Rev. Noel J. Breed, Mrs. Frank J. Greene, Rev. J. N. Pierce, Rev. E. T. Sherman, and Mrs. C. T. Tinker.

HOW TO GET A CROWD

The Commission on Church Attendance has made a three-year study of the records of almost one thousand churches. A questionnaire was sent to the lay members of the fifty churches making the best record in church attendance to ascertain what in their particular church accounted for the excellent record. This fifty included country, town and city churches; from 80 to 1,000 in membership. The laymen's replies indicated that it was not the preaching, the worship, or the music of the church, but that it was the friendly calling of the pastor. Here is unquestioned testimony, secured by statistical experts, as to the value of faithful and regular calling by the pastor in the homes of the people.

Give One to a Friend

A beautiful "Comfort" folder has been prepared by Rev. Tom Watt of the Berkeley Park Church to be given to the bereaved at the time of sorrow in the home. The Fourteenth Chapter of John in verse, and an appropriate prayer are included. Pastors who have felt the need of an inexpensive and helpful bit of literature will be glad to avail themselves of this. They can be secured through the Conference office at 15c each or $1.50 per dozen.

1935 DIARIES

There are on hand at the State Conference Office a supply of the Stewardship Diaries, which may be had for twenty-five cents each. You may obtain a copy at your Association Meeting or at the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Department in Conneaut, October 24th-25th. Or send your order direct to 1006 Hippodrome Building, Cleveland.

Orthodox Hindus are breaking away from Gandhi's leadership, it is said. At Benares, the Mecca of Hinduism, reports say placards were carried reading "Don't follow Gandhi. He is a Christian." But, as Mr. Lloyd L. Lorbeer of Pasumalai, maintains, "The Orthodox have their thousands and Gandhi his ten thousands." He continues his work for the Untouchables —"harijans," he calls them or "God's People." He tours the country visiting huts, digging wells, "fellowshipping" —thus he educates as he works. "Others have been the Garrisons and Lovejoys of this anti-slavery movement',' points out Mr. Lorbeer, "perhaps Gandhi will go down in history as the Lincoln making it a national cleansing." The clever highest-caste Brahman is reading the hand-writing on the wall, some say, and is becoming less "castey" than members of other Hindu groups.

R. B. WHITAKER RESIGNS

After four years of service as pastor of the church in Tulare, Rev. Robert B. Whitaker has resigned and accepted a call to the Federated Church of Freewater, Ore.

Mr. Whitaker took up the work at Tulare following his return from China, where he had been for two terms a missionary of the American Board. During his stay in Tulare the church has been strengthened, and wide community service has been rendered. Ever a fearless champion of the social gospel, it was inevitable that during and following the cotton strike some people in the church and the community could not see eye to eye with him, but his sincerity and manhood have been respected by all. He carries with him the affection of a large majority of his people, and of his co-workers in the Northern California Conference.

Freewater, Oregon, is only ten miles from Whitman College, which will make it possible for all members of his family of young people to secure college training.

AMBROSE. A young people's society has been organized, with Mrs. Frank Kelly as leader. About thirty junior boys and girls of the community have been enrolled. Forty-two dollars was cleared by the Ladies' Aid Society at a Hallowe'en party, which will go toward the building fund. Rev. James H. Price is looking after Ambrose, temporarily, in conjunction with Port Chicago.

LODI. One Sunday evening during October the choir presented a musical program. On the evening of October 23rd, a large audience assembled to hear Rev. George W. Phillips of Tenth Avenue Baptist Church, Oakland. Mrs. E. T. Sherman, wife of the pastor, presided at a tea in honor of Rev. Helen Street Ranney of Chicago during her recent visit.

FIELD'S LANDING and LOLETA. Sunday schools are conducted in these churches by four lay people from Eureka, with an average attendance of 30 or more at Field's Landing and a few less at Loleta. Superintendent Harley H. Gill recently visited both Sunday schools, speaking briefly at each.

BERKELEY, PARK. A fine crowd of young people, thirty or more, furnish excellent music as a choir, and meet together for supper once a week with the pastor, Rev. Tom Watt. Occasionally it is a fish dinner, which the pastor provides with his own hook and line.

ALAMEDA. The Victory Crusade is gaining momentum. The church attendance on Sunday morning is close to two hundred. The congregation has been divided into teams, with leaders responsible for securing attendance by the members of their groups. Rev. Gail Cleland is the pastor.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON AVENUE. Ten new pupils were enrolled in the Sunday school during the month, the average attendance being 84. A total of 59 group meetings were held in the House in October. Mr. John H. Gregg is the director.

SARATOGA. Nine new members were received into the church on Sunday, November 4th, by the pastor, Rev. Burton M. Palmer. Seven of the nine were on confession of faith, and eight of the nine were of high school or college age.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

SALIDA. November 4th was a red-letter day in the life of this church, and of the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Arthur T. Davies. It was the day of the dedication of the new organ, and also the thirty-seventh wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Davies. The organ which was no longer in use at Pilgrim Church, Oakland, was presented to the Salida church, thoroughly overhauled and installed. It is a three-manual reed organ, including pedals, with power blower. The church was crowded with people interested in and proud of their new acquisition. A pot-luck dinner was served in Maple Hall, which was filled to capacity. The Bethany Circle of the church and the Salida Women's Improvement Club presented two huge cakes and sprays of beautiful flowers to the pastor and his wife. Then came the greatest surprise of all. A large box, containing another box, and this yet another, with many wrappings, was opened in the presence of the guests. Within were envelopes containing greeting cards and paper money from nearly every family in the community. The total sum, as an expression of congratulation and affection, was about two dollars for each year of married life which Mr. and Mrs. Davies had enjoyed. Superintendent Harley H. Gill, who had delivered the dedication sermon and prayer at the previous service, represented the community in the presentation of these unusual gifts.

ANGELS CAMP. Attendance at the Young People's Society meetings has reached as high as forty. Very few young people come from homes where there is interest in church life. There is severe competition with movies, dances, liquor, gambling and pool halls. Rev. Glenn H. Corbin, the pastor, has become an active member of the Boosters' Club, which is a community organization of men.

SAN LEANDRO, BROADMOOR. At the annual meeting it was voted that steps be taken to organize the church on the Council Plan, as used by the Oakland, Plymouth Church. Through a generous contribution by the pastor, Rev. J. H. McCartney, and a pledge by the Women's Society, a very large amount of accumulated debts was wiped out. The result has been a new spirit of enthusiasm on the part of the people.

PETALUMA. The fall festival at Belle View, the home of Mr. and Mrs. George P. McNear, was a great success, financially and socially. A pageant portraying early California life was presented, and a daughter of General Vallejo took part in the program. Rev. Carl S. Patton gave the address at the fall rally dinner, which was well attended. The pastor, Rev. Ralph C. Waddell, is giving a series of sermons on the general theme, "Living Philosophies, Some Modern Interpretations of Life."

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. This church is cooperating with the Mills College Family Council, which has grown out of work with parents of children enrolled in the nursery school of Mills College. A junior choir has been organized under the direction of two Mills College students. A signboard, directing attention to the church, is being made for the Foothill Boulevard. Rev. Horton R. Colbert is the pastor.

EUREKA. The seventy-fifth anniversary of this church was celebrated Sunday and Monday, October 28th and 29th. Many old timers were present, and messages of greeting were read from others. Mr. Arthur N. Jewett, the historian of the church, had preserved programs, directories, and photographs for many years, which were on display. Rev. Roscoe D. Douglass of Ferndale preached the Sunday morning sermon, and Superintendent Harley H. Gill gave the anniversary sermon in the evening.

An anniversary community luncheon was held on Monday noon, at which the mayor of the city gave a very interesting history of the church, and greetings were brought by representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and the Ministers' Association. The main address was given by Superintendent Harley H. Gill.

The Eureka church is the seventh oldest of the churches now existing in our Northern California fellowship. Like other churches, it has had its ups and downs, and during the past two years has suffered greatly on account of removals, but it is a strong church, strategically located, and united and loyal to the pastor, Rev. C. H. Hudson.

REDWOOD CITY. The Family Sunday held as a part of the Loyalty Campaign at Redwood City church, proved to be a great success, a large number of families sitting together in the good old-fashioned way. The church auditorium was packed to capacity.

This church had 28 at the Conference dinner, and 18 at the Women's Federation luncheon. Rev. Norman W. Pendleton is the pastor.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. Seven adults were received into membership on October 21st. On the first Sunday of November a memorial service was held for Mrs. Henry Wetherbee, who gave generous support to the church during her life. Those who had lost some member of the family by death were invited by Rev. J. B. Orr to attend, and to regard the service as one of comfort for all.

BERKELEY, FIRST. Eighteen cottage meetings, planned by and under the leadership of laymen, are in progress. In addition, the pastor, Rev. O. W. S. McCall, will conduct three meetings, making a total of twenty-one. The movement was initiated and sponsored by laymen as a means of deepening the devotional life of the church.

PORT CHICAGO. The church leaders are very much encouraged by the formation of a young people's society. A group of twenty-one high school young people have organized themselves along the lines of other Congregational societies. Committees have been appointed and officers elected, and a vigorous program has been outlined by the executive committee. They will affiliate with the Cacoypa by attending rallies, institutes, and the summer conference.

FAIRFAX. Mrs. James W. Price, wife of the pastor, is slowly recovering from a severe heart ailment. While the Sunday School is smaller than a year ago, due to many removals from the community, it is doing better work. New faces are constantly seen in the morning congregation. The church has been able to meet all bills thus far.

SAN MATEO. Fifty-six new pupils have been enrolled in the Church School during the past ten weeks. A school of instruction for officers and teachers opened October 2nd, and will continue once a week for ten sessions. Four courses are offered, one each for beginners, juniors and seniors, and another on how to teach the New Testament. Ministers of neighboring churches participate, and Sunday school workers from other churches attend. A Fireside Club of young people had an average attendance of 49 for the past two months. Mrs. William Palmer Lucas of Berkeley lectures weekly on international news under the sponsorship of the women of the San Mateo church.

For a number of years this church sponsored work among the Japanese in San Mateo, with the result that there is now a well-organized independent Japanese church, Sunday school and Christian Endeavor Society. Through a recent bequest of the late Dr. E. A. Sturge, property valued at $10,000 will provide a center of Christian activity for the Japanese people. Rev. George E. Brown is the pastor.

OROVILLE. Four interesting Sunday evening vesper services have been held in October, at three of which there were visiting speakers — Rev. Harris Pillsbury of Chico, Superior Court Judge Harry Deirup, and President Herman F. Swartz.

Morning worship attendance is larger than a year ago. A total of nine attended the State Conference in San Francisco, and splendid reports were made on their return. A fine reception to public school teachers was tendered by the church, to which seventy teachers and their wives responded. At the communion service on October 7th, the Sunday school teachers were commissioned in the presence of the church, and all took communion together. Rev. E. G. Brinkmeyer is the pastor.

SACRAMENTO. A very successful Sunday evening seminar has been in operation during the past three or four weeks. A speaker presents some subject of importance, and this is followed by two-minute comments by members of the group in attendance. Rev. Lawrence Wilson, the pastor, believes that there are possibilities of high service to the community in the plan.

COTATI. A fine choir of 12 voices has been organized. Eighty-one Congregational young people from Sonoma County met at the Cotati church for fellowship and inspiration. As a result the Redwood Empire Pilgrim Fellowship was organized. Milton G. Gabrielson is the pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY. This church is in need of chairs for Sunday school and Christian Endeavor society meetings. If any of our people in San Francisco can spare a chair or two, please telephone SKyline 7088, and ask for Mr. Barsamian. Rev. H. M. Hovagimian is the pastor.

SEBASTOPOL. This church participated in the nation-wide recognition service for Sunday school workers. The individual record of Sunday school service in this church was 53 and 57 years. The total record for the church was 1,002 years of service. Rev. George E. Atkinson is pastor.

LOOMIS. The spirit of cooperative good fellowship in this church, which has been growing so steadily since the coming of Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Loken, reached its first peak in a community dinner given by the ladies in the church basement. This dinner was primarily for the purpose of raising money to help pay for the new and very efficient heating plant which has just been installed, but the event proved that, though it was a success financially, it was far more valuable as a medium through which the community was enabled to express its good will. It was the largest attended dinner ever given in the history of Loomis, 275 people being present. It was called a States Dinner, tables being set to accommodate the native sons and daughters of various states, who enthusiastically took charge of them, decorated and occupied them, and prepared characteristic stunts for the general entertainment.

TRINITY COUNTY. When church is held at Hyampom some people walk as far as seven miles to attend. An intermediate Christian Endeavor society has been formed at Weaverville, with a high school girl as the leader. Preliminary plans are being considered looking toward the providing of additional facilities for young people's work, which may result in an addition to the parish house or the putting of a basement under the church, or both. A choir has been organized. Five people attended the Conference in San Francisco. For the first time enough Sunday school teachers have been secured. Rev. James D. Salmon, the pastor, desires to thank the various churches for Sunday school papers and materials and song books, which have been sent to him, much of which has already been put to use.

STOCKTON, FIRST. Through the invitation of the pastor, Rev. Noel J. Breed, a preaching mission was conducted in this church by Rev. O. W. S. McCall of Berkeley, with meetings every night during the week, beginning with Sunday, October 21st. Attendance increased through the week and interest deepened, and the spiritual life of the church was enriched. Once a year Dr. McCall gives a week to the assistance of some church through such a mission.

OAKLAND, CALVARY. This church is proud of its young people. The young ladies served a dinner on October 6th. The young men took charge of church services on October 21st, giving a series of splendid addresses. A new Girls' Club has been organized, under the guidance of Mrs. Cyril M. Hicks, wife of the pastor. A new choir leader has been secured. A Hallowe'en Party was held for the young people, and the girls are taking care of a booth at the autumn bazaar.

SAN CARLOS. About fifty new names of Protestant families have been added to the list of prospects by the community canvass. Rev. Reed B. Cherington is pastor.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

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The Executive Meeting of the Women's Federation is held the third Thursday of every month at 10:15 A. M., in the First Congregational Church, Oakland, unless otherwise stated.

"RIPPLES"

An unknown hand tosses a pebble into a stream of water and the result is an ever-widening circle of ripples. In a similar way the words spoken at the Fall Meeting of the Women of Northern California will continue to echo and re-echo in the hearts of the women attending, and, whether simple or profound, visionary or practical, they will still permeate and influence innumerable lives for weal or woe.

The fall meeting began with a luncheon Wednesday noon, with Mrs. Jason Noble Pierce, the pastor's wife of First Church, San Francisco, presiding with charm and effectiveness. Mrs. Kate A. Maynard gave the greetings from the hostess church, and Dr. Vincent E. Wagner was the luncheon speaker.

Dr. Wagner gave a graphic picture of life in Taiku, China. He spoke of the eagerness of the native doctors to get the latest medical news, which was only possible by our own missionary doctors translating for them this information found in foreign medical journals. He spoke especially of the great need of equipment which we find indispensable in our own hospitals, and urged that Dr. Leonard Wilbur be supplied with an X-ray machine if possible, stating that much of the help rendered must be guess work owing to this lack.

It was a special pleasure to have Dr. Wagner at the meeting because our own Dr. and Mrs. Wilbur are to be at Taiku, and the speaker expressed great joy over the fact that a young man of such attainment, personality and fine spirit is to be at the hospital.

"Cities of Forgotten Men"

Mrs. H. A. Shuder, whose husband, a Congregational minister, is head of the educational work at San Quentin prison, spoke on "One Thousand and One Days in the City of Forgotten Men." She spoke especially of the short term men there, their plans for life after they leave prison, their studies, for which they receive credits from the University of California, and their often unusual talents. She cited the case of one young man who was a brilliant pianist and composer. The men whom she had contacted were helpful, friendly, and appreciated a kind word. They do not ask for maudlin sympathy, but do hope for an opportunity to make good when they leave San Quentin.

Dr. Noel J. Breed Speaks

Rev. Noel J. Breed, speaking on "The Daughter of Mary and Martha," related the legend of a child whose parents were among the early Christians who suffered martyrs' deaths. Two women, Mary and Martha, took the little orphaned child into their home and brought her up as their own. A well-rounded life was the result of the training she received under these women of diversified ideas. She not only was imbued with the spirit of consecration and adoration, but attuned this loving adoration to the practical side of life, and to a devotion in serving humanity.

MODOC & BAY REPORT

Mrs. L. C. Smith of Adin gave a most inspiring report of the work in Modoc County. She reported the new club house at Nubieber nearly completed, with the equipment brought over from Alturas all ready to be installed. All the women at Nubieber are vitally interested in their Social Welfare quotas, and their per capita benevolence giving is far above that of most churches.

Mrs. H. F. Swartz gave a full and comprehensive outline of Bay Region activities, which showed zeal, consecration, and devotion on the part of the women of the various groups.

"YE ARE MY FRIENDS"

Traveling 200 miles—60 on foot—climbing a mountain with a 12-mile winding trail, a young Indian Christian found Rev. Raymond A. Dudley at his camp and asked him for a letter of authorization to take three sick folks to the hospital in Madura. No such letter was necessary but Mr. Dudley sent the young man away with one, and a word of prayer. Back the long journey to Tiramangulam went the youth, then 12 miles by train with the three patients. Home was 15 miles by foot. And this was all done by an Indian Christian lad for three HINDU friends.

BEST THINGS

The best things among many good things are not easy to portray, but they are nearly always found among the things of the spirit, the thoughts that sing themselves over and over in our hearts when the mere words have sunk into oblivion. Mrs. Harley H. Gill's beautiful and helpful devotional service, when she described the "Spiritual Values at Oberlin," was one of these best things which will linger long in the minds of those present. The music was also among the best things. Mrs. Elizabeth Fotheringham, Mrs. May Taylor Elliott, and Miss Grace King, each contributed a very real share to the helpfulness of the program by the feeling and consecration with which they rendered their selections.

Mrs. Frank J. Greene, our president, presided, and, as usual, because of her joy in serving and her sincerity of purpose, helped greatly in making the fall meeting a success.

AU REVOIR, BUT NOT GOODBYE!

As this is the last number of the Pacific in which the present editor of the Women's Federation will serve in that capacity, she wishes to express her heartfelt thanks for all the kind words of sincere appreciation she has received. She wishes also to thank the Federation for giving her the opportunity of thus freely and gladly doing her part for a cause that she has, throughout her life, served and tried to help, and only regrets that conditions make it impossible for her to continue in this work.

The Air Menace

The war race is on, but, if war comes, armies, navies and battleships will be of little use. Admiral Sims declares that it matters little whether the world's big battle ships are scrapped or not, because, "in any case, they will be of no further use," and, in regard to poison gas, he adds, "You can bet your life if we have another war we will use gas, and we won't care how, when, or why."

A new 1934 Macmillan publication, "The Air Menace and the Answer," by Mrs. Elvira K. Fradkin, describes this most horrible and now perfected method of gas warfare, with the airplane as its effective disperser. Mrs. Fradken is well prepared to write a book of this kind through her college and university training, her tireless scientific investigations along these lines for many years, her magazine articles, and her constant attendance at the Geneva Conferences.

In this book she describes the merry airplane race with the aircraft carriers, the new American bombing pilots called "hell divers" that swoop down on their enemy at the rate of almost five hundred miles an hour, ready to let loose explosives or spray with poison gasses, and she points out a hundred and one other magnificently perfected devices with which human beings can be murdered en masse, while munition and armament dealers pocket millions of dollars in profits.

To women she especially appeals, and challenges them to become acquainted with facts and work towards some definite and speedy international agreement in regard to the adequate control of all armaments, if they do not wish to see the end of our present civilization.

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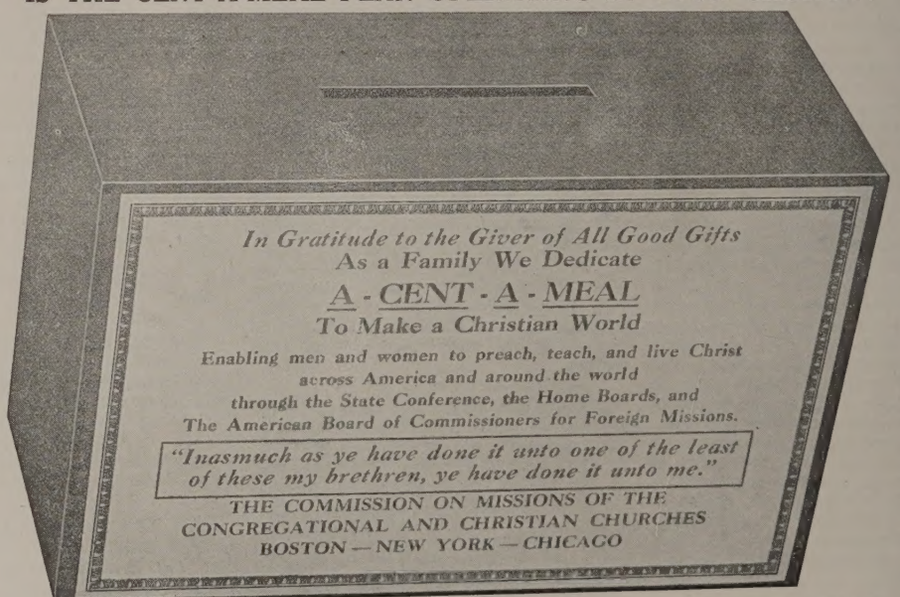
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